

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Boone County Board
15th day December Session
November 29, 2016

The County Board of Boone County in the State of Illinois convened in special session at the County Board Room at the Boone County Administration Campus in the City of Belvidere in Boone County on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 6:30 PM pursuant to adjournment of the County Board Meeting, November 16, 2016.

1.1 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

2.1 The Board was called to order by the Chairman and he proceeded to the dispatch of business. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an invocation was given by Ray Larson.

3.1 ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Walberg, Chairman
Karl Johnson, Vice Chairman
Sherry Branson
Jeff Carlisle
Denny Ellingson
Kenneth Freeman
Sherry Giesecke
Raymond Larson
Cory Lind
Jessica Muellner
Brad Stark
Cathy Ward

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chairman Walberg commented on how incredible the attendance of the board members had been during the last eight years. He said this shows how sincere and dedicated the members are to their office and he thanked them for that.

AGENDA

4.1. Motion by Karl Johnson and second by Jeff Carlisle to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

5.1 None.

APPOINTMENTS AND RECOGNITION

5.2 Chairman Walberg recognized board members leaving the board: Mr. Cory Lind, since January, 2016 and Mr. Ken Freeman for 10 years. He also recognized State's Attorney, Michelle Courier, who had served for 8 years. He also recognized Mr. Ken Terroni, former secretary, Bev Koppen and Julaine Drake for their dedication.

Karl Johnson recognized that this was Chairman Walberg's final meeting and thanked him publicly for his leadership and presented him with a gavel from the board.

FY 2017 BUDGET

ORDINANCE 16-21

6.1 Motion by Karl Johnson and second by Brad Stark to approve Ordinance 16-21 FY 2017 Budget and Levy with the attachment consisting of amended Board of Health Budget which reflects the detailing of a 2% reduction of all levies received for county board direction.

Cathy Ward said she is voting no on the budget because she is opposed to using 1.4 million dollars of Public Sales Tax money to balance the budget. She feels a referendum should be presented to the public to decide whether to continue the tax forever or if they want it to end in 2018.

Jessica Muellner questioned if the motion was technically correct because we did not do an across the board reduction. Mr. Johnson explained he didn't specifically state that all levies received a 2% reduction but this particular one did receive a 2% reduction so this amended detail of the budget reflects that 2% reduction. The budget that was on layover on the 14th did not have that detailed copy. Mr. Johnson restated the motion: to approve Ordinance 16-21 FY 2017 Budget and Levy with the included attachment, the amended fiscal year 2017 Board of Health Fund Budget which has a revision dated 11-28-2016.

Denny Ellingson questioned if the reduction of \$21,181 is from what was in the document before. Karl Johnson said that it reflects that reduction back down to the previous year's levy plus the addition 2%. Sherry Giesecke asked everyone to think about how to move forward so we can bring the funds from Highway Matching and Bridge Funds back.

Mr. Johnson said there's an attachment that is going to be with this budget, a General Fund Expenditures Fiscal Year 2017 Budget and Spending Target. This Targeted spend number is a 2% reduction from what the budget book is and the departments are strongly encouraged to hit that target. If money can be saved some money can be put back into the reserves. In 2005 reserves were at 4 million dollars and it is now down to 1.6 million. He also commented on a line item on the bottom of page 39; transfers of tort, bridge and matching. If revenues exceed budget expectations, money will be put back into those funds. Sherry Branson feels there are problems with this budget. It bothers her that the Health Department, who has been cut so severely, has to operate with a \$21,0000 deficit. Sherry Branson gave some reasons why she will vote no on the budget: cutting the Growth Dimension budget, using Public Sales Tax money to balance the budget and depleting the Road & Bridge Fund. Chairman Walberg said he will be voting yes because he feels this was the most prudent way of doing it. He liked Mr. Johnson's idea

of replenishing the funds if possible. Chairman Walberg feels that our roads are so important. He stated that in Boone County the referendum question to amend the constitution of the State of IL to protect the highway money so political bodies couldn't erode that money passed by 81%. He said he is voting yes because this budget is a plan, a way of operating our county. He said the only way the county has to attract economic development is by good roads and good zoning. Denny Ellingson said the committee has worked long and hard and has done everything in their power to find resources to match expenditures with debt. He said it is a budget and starts us moving forward. He applauds the committee for the work they have done and will be voting in support of the budget. Brad Stark said we didn't get into this financial mess overnight, issues have been brewing for a long time. That means we will not get out of these problems overnight. He said he's not in love with the budget but it is a budget that will keep us working and people that are employed by the county making sure they have a paycheck and health insurance. He feels we need to be more diligent through the year, keeping up with where we're at on our costs. He feels the committees need to keep a little tighter rein on things and maybe next year this won't be such a tough job. Karl Johnson thanked the Finance Committee for the long hours they put in, Mr. Terrinoni and Justyn Miller for their help, and all of the department heads and elected officials. Sherry Giesecke said she was prepared to vote no on the budget but because of things she heard at the meeting tonight she is going to change her vote. Roll Call: 9-ayes; 3-nays (Branson, Freeman, Ward). Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.1 Mr. Terrinoni said there is a Health Committee meeting this Thursday and there will be a PZB meeting next Wednesday. Chairman Walberg said there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Animal Services Building tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Ray Larson said he will be missing the Organizational Meeting on the 5th since he'll be on vacation. He gave an early welcome to the newly elected board members. He wished the best of luck to the contenders for Chairman and Vice-Chairman. He knows that the fellow board members will come together in support of whoever is elected to these two positions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8.1 None.

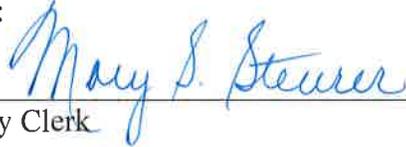
ADJOURNMENT

9.1 Chairman Walberg explained the meeting will be adjourned "sine die," a Latin term which means there are no further meetings planned, no future dates and no further business will come before this body. Motion by Denny Ellingson and second by Brad Stark to adjourn sine die. Motion carried.





County Board Chairman

Attest:


County Clerk